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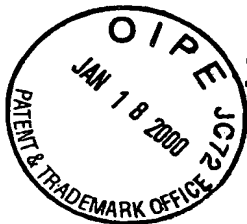
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Barry W. Field, et al.

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For: SYNCHRONOUS SWITCH AND METHOD FOR A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS NODE



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of the above-identified
patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

24. (New) The system for switching traffic at a
telecommunications node, comprising:

a computer-readable medium; and

W software stored on the computer-readable medium, the
software operable to receive a frame comprising of a plurality
of time slots each having a traffic cell and a header for the
traffic cell, to determine a type for each traffic cell based